



Tim Womick and the Trail of Trees

The Georgia Forestry Commission is proud to sponsor Tim Womick and his Trail of Trees as he tours the state in celebration of Georgia's Arbor Day. Tim, who has come to be known as the modern day Johnny Appleseed or the "Tree Guy", has been performing his Trail of Trees program in Georgia every year for more than a decade.

Tim is a trained performer that has turned his passion for trees and life into an entertaining, inspiring, and informative packed performance on the benefits of trees. It all began while visiting the Joyce Kilmer National Forest in the mountains of North Carolina around Earth Day 1990. Tim came across the poem "Trees" written by Kilmer that was etched in brass, deep in a grove of elder trees. The magnificent beauty that surrounded Tim in that forest changed him forever. "I had just finished making a difference in my own life and decided it was time to run and leave a "Trail of Trees".

Tim interacts with audiences of all ages to relay the importance of trees in our everyday life and to encourage people to recognize their own roles as stewards of the earth. Using props that range from an African drum to tree seeds, Tim gets his message across in a humorous and insightful manner.

Tim is a huge hit with a variety of audiences as he educates them on the importance of trees and the significance of Arbor Day. Arbor Day is always celebrated in Georgia on the third Friday in February to coincide with Georgia's tree planting season. The idea for Arbor Day originally came from Nebraska in the 1800's. J. Sterling Morton, a pioneer that moved to the Nebraska territory in 1854, was a lover of nature and greatly missed the trees he left behind in Detroit. He quickly saw that trees were needed to provide windbreaks, keep the soil in place, supply materials, generate fuel and provide shade from the hot sun.

If you are interested in scheduling Tim for an Arbor Day celebration please contact Joan Scales at jcales@gfc.state.ga.us or 678-476-6226.